- Adequate supply of diagnostic kits at the periphery and Strengthening of sero-surveillance activities.
- Strengthening of laboratory services at district hospitals.
- Monitoring of vector population in vulnerable areas.
- Capacity building for the medical officers for case management.
- Intensive social mobilization campaigns through Behavioural Changes Communication for community involvement at individual level.
- Periodic monitoring & supervision and reviews.

Statement

The state-wise release of funds

SI. Name of the State Fu No.	nds released during 2006-07 during 2006-07 (Rs. in lakhs)	Funds released
1. Andhra Pradesh	220.50	18126
2. Karnataka	220.50	0
3. Maharashtra	220.50	15.15
4. Tamil Nadu	220.50	200.00
5. Madhya Pradesh	220.50	0
6. Gujarat	220.50	0
7. Goa	0	75.00
8. Kerala	220.50	403.90
9. A&N Islands	95.46	0
10. GNCT Delhi	170.50	0
11. Rajasthan	220.50	0
12. Pondicherry	130.50	0
TOTAL:	2160.46	87531

Funds could not be released to the states mentioned at SI. NO. 2,5,6,9,10,11,12, during the year 2007-08 because of a availability of unspent balance of previous grant.

CBI Enquiry on health projects

859. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has ordered a CBI Inquiry into the reported charges of fraud and corruption in five health projects in the country which are being funded by the World Bank;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating funding amount by the World Bank in million dollar in respect of each project;

(c) the punitive action taken, so far, at the Central, State and UN level against the offenders involved; and

(d) the present stage of implementation of each above mentioned project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) On 11 th January, 2008, the World Bank has shared with us a Detailed Implementation Review (DIR) report, based on the review of five health sector projects which were being implemented during periods varying from 1997 till 2006 end. One project was under State health sector. The five Health Sector Projects are (1) Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP-I) (8 May 1997 to 31 March 2006) (USD 124.8 Million) (2) Enhanced Malaria Control Project (EMCP) (27 Oct 1997 to 31 Dec 2005) (USD 114 Million) (3) Orissa Health System Development Project (OHSDP) (8 Sept 1998 to 31 March 2006) (USD 82.1 Million), (4) National AIDS Control Project-II (NACP-II) (11 Sep 1999 to 31 March 2006) (USD 193.7 Million) and (5) Food and Drug Capacity Building Project (FDCBP) (17 Oct 2003 to 30 June 2008) (USD 54 Million). All projects except for one relating to Food & Drugs Capacity Building have ended. The last project is likely to be completed by June 2008. For AIDS and TB successor projects are under implementation.

In this report, the World Bank has mentioned about indicators of deficiencies relating to procurement, oversight and implementation like collusion, bid rigging, deficiency in civil works, equipments not installed because of lack of staff etc. Majority of the deficiencies reported relate to decentralized procurements at the district level, which are implemented at the State level.

The World Bank report suffers from several infirmities. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has already conveyed its response on the infirmities in the methodology adopted by World Bank emphasizing that the World bank did not discuss with any of the programme officers either during the review or brfore finalizing the review report. These discussions would have clarified most of the issues raised in the report. Had this been done, most of the inferences would have been different.

Government of India is committed to eliminate deficiencies or irregularities in all health sector programmes, whether funded domestically or externally. Structural deficiencies which were noted in the earlier programmes have been taken care of in the successor programmes. Whenever such irregularities have come to notice of the Government, appropriate actions have been taken, wherever requried in the past. Some of the criminal, penal and disciplinary actions taken are as follows:

(i) Suspended business with two firms *viz.* M/s. Nestor Pharmaceuticals and M/s. Pure Pharma in July, 2005 on charges or reported collusion.

(ii) A case was registereed by CBI on 21.8.2006 against M/s. Pure Pharma and M/s. Nestor Pharmaceuticals and the case is at an advanced stage of investigation.

(iii) Two officers (Shri M.P. Gupta of Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation and Shri Vasant Bhat of Hindustan Latex Limited) from the Procurement Support Agencies, who were allegedly involved in procurement irregularities, were suspended in 2006 and continue to be under suspension. Departmental procedings against them are also at an advanced stage.